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DR. JOHN WILLIAM AIRD
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FROM "HOW BEAUTIFUL
UPON THE MOUNTAINS"

Dr. John W. Aird was born Sept. 26, 1863 in Heber. His parents were William and Elizabeth McClean Aird. They were converts to the LDS (Mormon) Church. They left Scotland on March 18, 1853 and landed in New

Orleans on May 10, 1853. It was through Henry and Elizabeth's conversion to the "Mormon" Church that they left their homeland where they were raised.

In 1861, when Henry M. was one year old, the family moved to Heber. The rest of the children were born in Heber, Wasatch County, Utah. John W. was three years younger than his brother Henry and they were very dear to

one another all their lives.

Later on, the family felt that some members of the church had departed from the teachings they had received in Scotland, and as Dr. Aird expressed it, they could not bare the practice of polygamy. However, they retained their membership in the church and advanced in church and civic activities of Wasatch County.

Dr. Aird's father was a weaver

of cloth by trade. He not only wove the cloth for his family, but for many others who lived in Heber at that time. The wool was furnished by John M. Murdoch, who cared for the community's sheep. As a child, Dr. Aird and his brothers and sisters hand carded and spun wool that made the yarn. He was one of six children.

John spent his early school years in Heber schools then he

attended the University of Deseret, now known as the University of Utah. This was the same University as his older brother, Henry, attended. After John left the University, he taught school in Heber for five years, but his greatest desire was to study medicine. He knew his own financial position would not bare the expense of such an education but he had many friends and his

brother Henry who were willing to loan him the money. After completing his education, he payed each one back plus 12 percent interest.

John wrote an article under the heading of "The Most Unforgettable Character I Have Ever Met." In it he paid the highest compliments to Dr. John R. Parks, who was his teacher at the University.

Scoreboard

Wasatch Wave
Sports

**Sportline
Scoreboard
Sidelines
Events**

Week of Nov. 10

Monday Night Mixed Doubles
High Team Game:
Ding Bat Express 803
High Team Series:
Ding Bat Express 2123
High Individual Game:
Doyle Gardner 239
Kay Anderson 193
High Individual Series:
Doyle Gardner 608
Barb Ritchie 534

High Team Series:
Valley Hi Realty 3049
High Individual Game:
Jack Shepherd 234
High Individual Series:
Virg Wubker 607

Thursday Night Women's League
Queen Pins

High Team Game:
Jordan's Livestock 215
High Team Series:
Jordan's Livestock 2682
High Individual Game:
Audrey Stevens 215